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Boycott May Bring SUNO Elimination

BATON ROUGE (AP)—The head of the State Board of Education said Saturday that if a student boycott continues at Southern University's branch in New Orleans (SUNO) the campus may be converted into something else.

In a statement released here, Board Chairman Enoch Nix of Bossier City made it plain the board was taking a hard line in dealing with the continuing effort by militant students to win control of Southern University.

The main demands are (1) an executive council, with students having the controlling vote, to operate the school —and (2) departmental councils, also controlled by student members, with the power to hire, fire and fix curricula.

Southern has a 9,000-student campus here, which was closed down last month until Jan. 3 due to continuing student uproar climaxed by a confrontation with police Nov. 16 in which two students were killed.

SUNO, where militants seized the administration building and held it for more than a week, managed to reach compromise agreements on several demands—but militants ordered the boycott continued until every demand is met.

There was no violence at SUNO.

"Insofar as SUNO is concerned, unless students return to class we shall recommend to the governor and the legislature that a study begin immediately to determine a more effective utilitzation of the physical properties of the campus," Nix said.

"This action, of course, would be taken only in the last resort. If students refuse to avail themselves of the use of this university it has no hope of maintaining its accreditation," he added.

Nix said many seniors or their parents had contacted the board to express concern about whether the disruptions will make it impossible for the seniors to graduate on schedule.

"First, it should be emphasized that if the students at Southern University in Baton Rouge will return to class Jan. 3 there will be no necessity for concern about seniors' meeting graduation requirements," Nix said.

"If they fail to return, there is no hope of their meeting graduation re-

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